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rebuked by the chieftain. The young man bore him a grudge on this account and, when the Mahrattas came next, he let them into the fort. The chieftain was killed in the fight that ensued. The traitor's sister was overwhelmed with grief and shame that her brother had wrought such ruin. When, soon after this, the Mahratta general asked her to become his mistress, she felt that the only thing for her to do was to put art end to her own life and her brother's. So she pretended to agree to all that was proposed to her and arranged for a procession of herself and her brother on the rampart. At one point there is a sudden drop from the rampart. When they reached the spot the queen said to her brother: "Brother, you and I brought evil to this place. We ought not to live/" and clasped him and jumped with him over the parapet. They were both dead when they reached ground.

Some of these stories were obviously intended to teach a moral to the people. An example is the story-connected with Basavangudi in Bangalore City. Once upon a time, says the story, there lived here a wealthy land-owner. He was very niggardly and would give nothing to the poor. Siva who gave him all the wealth was sad at the man's miserly ways and called to Nandi and said, "Go to earth and teach the man to live better", Nandi came to earth as a bull. It was the time when groundnut plants were in flower and you

could see acres
on acres of the wealthy man's land gay
with them.
With bold eyes and daggerlike horns, Nandi
walked
coolly into the field and began to graze. The
men who
were watching the field came up and tried
to drive the
bull away. It would not go and looked so
fierce that